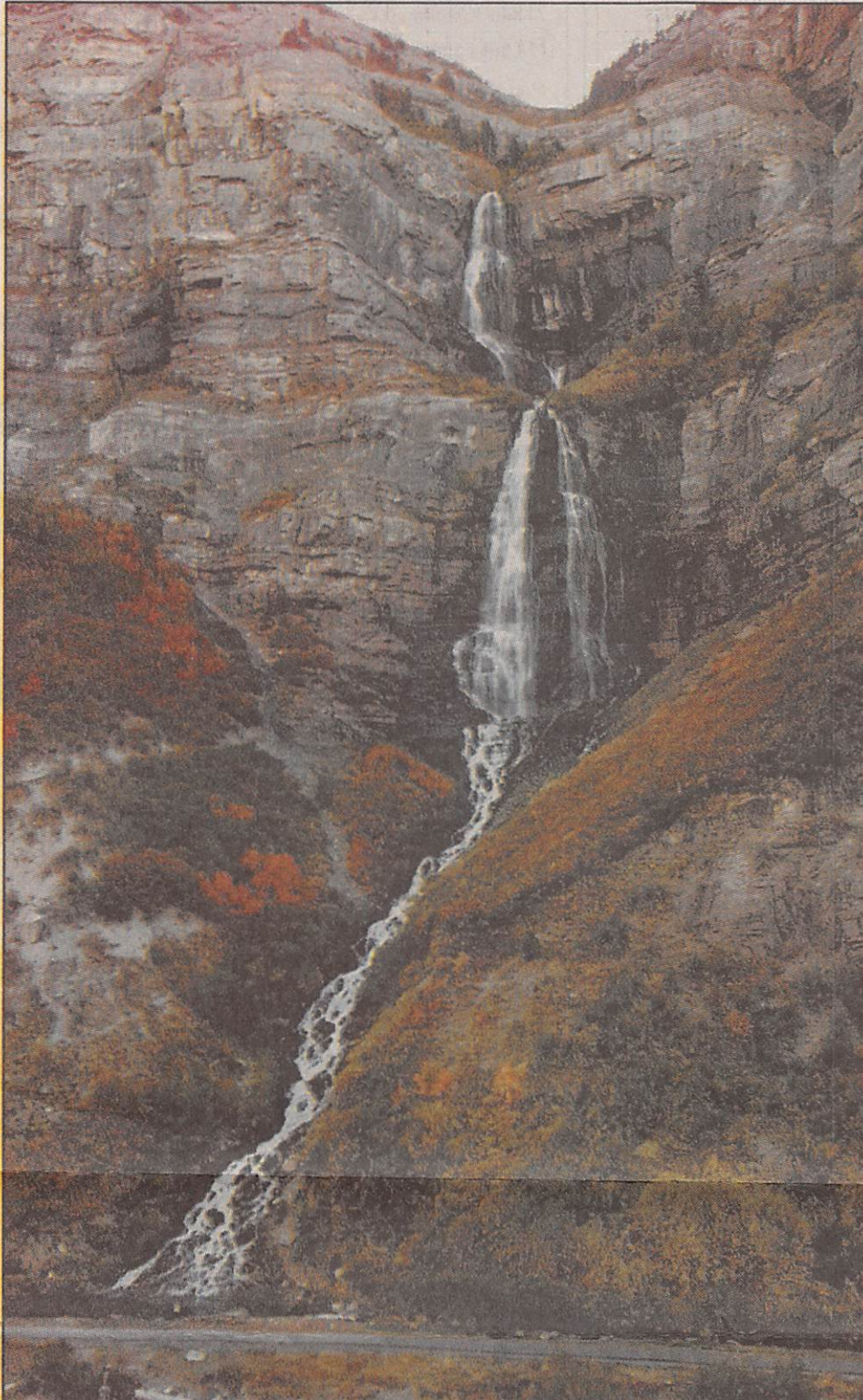


# Wanted: new owner to make Bridal Veil Falls a resort again

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PROVO — Privately owned Bridal Veil Falls could be had for nothing if the right person comes along.

Sure, owner David S. Grow would like to get something out of the Provo Canyon recreation area his family has held for nearly a quarter century. An avalanche wiped out the aerial tram, gift shop, snack bar and bridge over the Provo River three years ago — amenities the Grow family maintained and promoted over the years. But the cascading water and surrounding 18 acres remain as beautiful as ever.

Unable to come up with the money to rebuild the resort, Grow put the land on the market for \$1.7 million. So far, nothing has happened.

Now he says he'd give it away to a "developer/caretaker" with vision and resources to make it a community attraction again. The family, he said, never really felt it owned the falls anyway.

"A sale has never been critical to us in some ways," Grow said.

Although canyon motorists and cyclists continue to stop at the base of the falls to take in the breathtaking sight, there's no longer anything there to complement the experience. Some environmental types might argue that it's better this way. Purists might say even the parking lot is too much, he said.

But Grow, who recently organized an advisory group to consider the future of Bridal Veil Falls, said he's a great believer in making the wonders of nature available to people whether that be an easy hike to the misty falls or a steep tram ride up the mountain-side.

There are 10,000 people who would walk to Bridal Veil for every one who would make the more strenuous climb to nearby Upper Falls, Grow says.

"I think the community really misses it," he said.

Coldwell Banker Premier Realty in Heber City listed the property for about eight months, during which time it attracted several serious offers.

"I had some that were very interested. They were ready to put money

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mind and he now supports the parkway.

"I am appalled with what I see by the stacking of the meeting by people from Salt Lake City," said Olsen, who said he could lose his farm if the eastern alignment is approved. "People who don't live here have come in here and spread lies . . . this 'wetlands' is a stupid name. It's swamps is what it is."

More than 100 people eager to finally have their say stayed until the conclusion in the wee hours. UDOT and Transportation Commission officials were patient and courteous all night, saying they valued all comments, and extended the public hearing two hours and 20 minutes beyond its scheduled end.

"I think we get the message," transportation commissioner Dan Eastman said in closing the meeting. "We will continue to study this and hopefully do the right thing somehow . . . we are going through the process."

The Corps is expected to make a decision which path, if any, the Legacy Parkway should follow by next spring. The parkway is the first segment of a 120-mile highway proposed by Gov. Mike Leavitt as a north-south alternative between Willard and Nephi.

schoolchildren to be heavily involved in the political process, said spokeswoman Melinda Rock.

"As for mock elections, our students have been asked not to do that . . . because we don't want schools to become involved in politics and things like that. But the process of how it's done is being taught in many of our schools," Rock said, adding some schools will participate in another election program that does not release results to the media.

Mock election participants voted on state and national races and issues affecting them, with results filed under the state's election night reporting system.

"It's great," said Karen Schleifer, principal of Adelaide Elementary School in Bountiful. "It gives the kids a chance to see what it's really like (to vote). We hope it carries into their adult lives and encourages their parents to vote next week."

At Adelaide, chatter in the hall was about ballot issues and political candidates for sixth-graders voting Tuesday.

"I think it's neat because it gives the kids a chance to do what they think," said sixth-grader Brady

Arly Pedersen (IAM)	125	7.8%
Ken Larsen (I)	169	10.6%
Brian E. Swim (L)	124	7.8%
Robert C. Lesh (N)	115	7.2%
Merril Cook (R)	494	30.9%

#### U.S. Representative - District 3

Will Christensen (IAM)	442	22.4%
Kitty K. Burton (L)	289	14.6%
Chris Cannon (R)	1,246	63.0%

#### U.S. Senate

Scott Leckman (D)	1,651	22.8%
Gary R. Vanhorn (IAM)	1,554	21.5%
Robert F. Bennett (R)	4,026	55.7%

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Student Sarah Brainard agrees and thinks adults should recognize the power of their own voices in the election process. "It's their tough luck if they don't want to vote for their benefit."

Tuesday's election is expected to be among the lowest voter turnouts in Utah history, said Walker, who visited Adelaide, Centerville Junior High in Davis and Granite Park Junior High in the Granite

#### School District.

"I hope it's at least in Walker said of the voter percentages. "I'd throw party if you could get it percent . . . so you get y ents out."

Walker told of her help helping supervise election in Haiti, where election of seen altering tallies.

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